Tapping of Cricket Players' Phones

†5521. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for tapping the Cricket players' phones during the recent cricket matches between India and South Africa;

(b) the details of the tapes which prompted the Police dep°rtment to conduct an inquiry into the suspected match-fixing;

(c) whether Government was in touch with South African authorities about the match-fixing before and after the allegations were made public against the South African Cricket Captain and other players; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received from the South African authorities on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) The Telephones provided at the Hotel rooms of the South African players were not tapped. However, the cell phone conversation between Hansie Cronje and Sanjay Chawla was tapped by monitoring the phone purchased by another co-accused, Rajesh Kalra.

(c) and (d) In conformity with the close and cordial relations between India and South Africa, the South African authorities were informed about the possible involvement of* certain members of their cricket team in match fixing. The Government of South Africa have re-affirmed their decision to abide by the results of the due process of law in this case. Further, the Government of South Africa prepare to set up a judicial commission of enquiry to probe the developments following revelations of the former captain of South African cricket team and have solicited India's cooperation in their commission of enquiry.

Anti-Land Mine vehicles for Paramilitary Forces

†5522. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of personnel of the paramilitary forces (Central Security Agencies) who were killed[1] and injured in the on going terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, andNE States of Manipur, Tripura and Nagaland during the last two years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of deceased and the number of handicapped as well;

(c) the number of persons who were killed due to land mine blasts;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to import anti-land mine vehicles; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOMEAFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A statement is annexed. *{See* below)

(c) No separate record regarding the number of Security Forces and Police Personnel killed in land mine blasts is maintained by the Central Government.

(d) and (e) Government of India has already imported anti-land mine vehicles.

Statement

As informed by State Government, die casualties among Security Forces Personnel due to terrorism in the State of J&K is as under:—

	1998	1999
Killed	232	356
Injured	479	741

As per available information, the number of Security Forces Personnel killed during 1998 and 1999 in die North-Eastern States of Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura are as under;

States	1998	1999
Nagaland	14	4
Manipur	62	64
Tripura	25	42

Law and Orders in J&K and NE

5523. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the dejails of incidents of terrorist and insurgency activities in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East region respectively during the last one year;

(b) whether law and order situation in these areas is grim;